REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL June 25, 2007

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Duffy, Haddad, Hawkins, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer. Absent: Koehn

II. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2007 special meeting. The motion passed with Ms. Blair abstaining.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Paterson requested a moment of silence in honor of and respect for our troops around the world.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No comments

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to move Items 5 and 6 as the next agenda items.

(See below)

Motion so passed.

V. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>

 Architectural/Engineering Study for Modifications to Mansfield Public Schools

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded the following resolution:

WHEREAS, by resolutions adopted by the Town Council at meeting held May 29, 2007 and by the Town Meeting held June 25, 2007, the Town of Mansfield appropriated \$150,000 to conduct an architectural/engineering study for modifications to Mansfield public schools, with the intent that such appropriation be financed through borrowings;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, That the Town of Mansfield hereby declares its official intent of the Town under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that said \$150,000 appropriation will be funded initially from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant

moneys) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings for the aforesaid project in an aggregate principal amount anticipated not to exceed the amount of said appropriation. The Town Manager, the Director of Finance and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent, as they deem necessary or advisable.

Motion passed unanimously

2. Mansfield Charter Revision Commission Report

The Town Clerk will forward the approved recommendations of the Town Council to the Charter Revision Commission in time for their June 26, 2007 meeting.

3. Community/Campus Relations

The Town Manager and Mayor have met with Jim Hintz, the new Director of Off Campus Housing. They are planning regular meetings and have invited the Director to meet with the Town Council at the next Town Council meeting. The Director of UConn Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services will also meet with the Council at the July 9th meeting.

Mr. Hawkins requested a comprehensive breakdown of the cost and efforts expended at the last Spring Weekend. The Mayor reported that she and Dean Julie Bell Elkin are working on a cost analysis of the event.

4. Community Water and Wastewater Issues

The Town Manager reported that the State of Connecticut Public Health Department has accepted the Master Plan with no changes and is eagerly anticipating its implementation.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

5. Presentation on Commission on Aging's Long-Range Planning

Timothy Quinn, Carol Phillips and Kevin Grunwald presented an overview of the Commission on Aging's Long Range Planning process.

The goal is to provide a senior friendly community that supports, values, respects and appreciates its seniors. Kevin Grunwald, Director of Social Services, reported the results of the town-wide survey undertaken this year and outlined some of the priorities including transportation, access to geriatric health care, housing and assistance for public participation.

6. Presentation on Senior Center Volunteers in Action

Patty Hope, Senior Center Coordinator and John Brubacher, President of the Senior Association introduced the new President, Tom Rogers. Ms. Hope presented a power point presentation that showed many of the volunteers who work at the Center. She described the many activities and services available at

the Center.

Carol Phillips, Sycamore Drive, read a letter from Wilfred Bigl decrying the lack of available space at the Center. (letter attached)

7. Proposed Amendment to Landlord Registration Ordinance

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded, effective June 25, 2007, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 PM at the Town Council's regular meeting on July 9, 2007, to solicit public input regarding the proposed amendment to Chapter 152, Section 6(C) of the Landlord Registration Ordinance.

Motion so passed.

8. Town Ownership of Gurleyville Riverside Cemetery

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective June 25, 2007, to refer the issue of Town ownership of the Riverside Cemetery to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Motion so passed.

9. Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 4120

Mr. Schaefer. moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective June 25, 2007, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and Local 4120- IAFF (Firefighters) which agreement shall enter into effect on July 1, 2006 and expire on June 30, 2009.

Chief Dave Dagon and Town Council members discussed holiday compensation and benefits for both paid and volunteer firefighters.

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Wage Adjustment of Nonunion Personnel

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective July 1, 2007 to: 1) increase the pay rates in the Town Administrators Pay Plan by 3.5 per cent; 2) authorize the Town Manager to award those employees in the pay plan with a 3.5 percent wage increase; and 3) authorize the Town Manager to make the additional changes to the compensation for nonunion employees as recommended by the Town Manager in his agenda item summary dated June 25, 2007.

Motion passed by all.

11. Contract of Resident Trooper Services

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Blair seconded to approve the following resolution:

Resolved, effective June 25, 2007 that Town Manager Matthew W. Hart be and is herewith authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Town of Mansfield with the Connecticut Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police, for the services of resident state troopers for the period beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2009.

Motion passed with Mr. Schaefer abstaining.

VII. QUARTERLY REPORTS

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Clouette reported that the Nominating Committee would like to recommend Leon Bailey to the Arts Advisory Committee. So moved and passed by all.

Ms. Blair moved to reappoint Bruce Clouette to the Downtown Partnership. Motion passed with Mr. Clouette abstaining.

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

XI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Attached

The Town Manager reviewed the approved state budget, noting that staff did a good job of estimating the revenues. He will meet with staff to determine how best to allocate the additional revenue.

XII. FUTURE AGENDAS

Mr. Schaefer reminded staff that the Town Council expressed interest in approving proclamations for both Dorothy Goodwin and the Middle School. Mr. Schaefer also complimented the Town Clerk on her procurement of a Historic Document Preservation Grant.

Mr. Clouette suggested that the Council review the needs and the options available to the Senior Center. The Town Manager commented that a study is underway to look at ways to use existing space and that future infrastructure needs could be included as part of the strategic planning process.

XIII. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 13. Connecticut State Library Historic Preservation Grant
- 14. K. Holt re PZC Approved Revisions to Mansfield Zoning Regulations
- 15. L. Hultgren re: Depot Road, 2006 Request for Further Traffic Calming Mr. Hawkins requested that the Town again talk to the DOT about options available at the Rte 32 and Rte 44 intersections.

- 16. L. Hultgren re: Signal Request for Intersection of Route 195 and Hanks Hill Road
- 17. The Chronicle, June 19, 2007, "Storrs Plan Clears Hurdle"
- 18. The Chronicle, June 18, 2007, "Going Green"
- 19. The Chronicle, June 20, 2007, "Town Council Maintains Proposed Charter Changes
- 20. The Hartford Courant, June 19, 2008, Storrs Center Design District OK'D

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XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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XV. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Ms. Blair move and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk